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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6237**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 99**

**NOTE PREPARED:** Nov 2, 2004

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Criminal Code General Purpose Statement.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Long

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** No Fiscal Impact

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill has the following provisions:

- A.     It provides that the criminal code must be founded on the principle of reformation, not vindictive justice, and establishes the means and goals to be considered in establishing criminal penalties and imposing sentences.
- B.     It specifies that these provisions do not create a cause of action or supersede any statute, and may not be used in litigation to obtain any form of relief.

(The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Sentencing Policy Study Committee.)

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2005.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** This bill would make the purpose of the criminal code consistent with the purpose of the Indiana State Constitution which specifies:

“The penal code shall be founded on the principles of reformation, and not of vindictive justice. (Article 1, Section 18)

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** Indiana State Constitution.

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